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Village News

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Dear Neighbors:

Your Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome newly elected Trustee Peter Derby to our Village Board. We look forward to working with him effectively and productively in the best interests of Irvington. On behalf of our entire community, we extend our thanks to former Trustee Sheila Attai for her valued service who choose not to run for a fourth term.

The primary focus of your Village Board continues to be growth management and the preservation and enhancement of our Village's physical characteristics, ambiance and quality of life. One of the most important volunteer committees to serve our Village in many years, the Land Use Committee, chaired by resident Caroline Niemczyk and including a blue ribbon panel of Irvington residents, is putting the finishing touches on a "draft" comprehensive master plan which will recommend methods of best managing our community's future growth while preserving its special character. There will be important public informational meetings and hearings later this spring (and likely again in the early fall) at which residents will be encouraged to review and comment on the proposed master plan. The Board of Trustees anticipates adopting a final master plan sometime next fall. Please keep an eye out for these important public meetings through the local newspapers and via the Village web site at <http://village.irvington.ny.us>.

We are continuing to work on obtaining State funding for acquisition of the Westwood property, approximately 47 acres of forested watershed land. Both Westchester County and the Village have committed to funding the acquisition and if the State partners with us with adequate funding, the parcel would be cojoined with other open space to form an almost 400 acre nature preserve. Additionally, our Open Space Advisory committee, chaired by resident Jan Blaire, is actively developing recommendations, and obtaining citizen input, regarding further goals for protecting and preserving open space in the Village. Also, the Land Use Committee is studying the advisability of proposing an historic district designation for the Village Center.

As I write this letter, in early April, we are already in the midst of one of the most severe droughts to befall our region in many years. Drought emergency measures are in place and I'm sure you're aware of them. They may be accessed for reference on the Village web site. The most important way that Irvington can save water this summer will be through strict observance of the restriction on lawns watering. In prior summers, when we didn't have a drought, our consumption of water almost doubled due just to the use of automatic lawn watering systems. It will be most important this summer

to observe (and the Village will be strictly enforcing) the requirement that watering lawns is restricted to a total maximum of four hours per day, only between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Persons or businesses located at even numbered addresses may water lawns only on even-numbered days and persons or business located at odd numbered addresses may water lawns only on odd-numbered days. Please also cooperatively observe all the other water restrictions and conservation measures highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you haven't visited our beautiful new Scenic Hudson Park this spring, what are you waiting for? Having experienced two growing seasons and some finishing touches it is truly the magnificent place we expected it would be. I look forward to seeing you there.

Dennis P. Flood, Mayor

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Irvington War Monuments

Over the past few years, the Village of Irvington has received requests for inclusion of names of veterans on the War Memorial Monuments located on Main Street near the Irvington Middle School. The monuments honor all Irvington veterans who participated in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In response to these requests, Mayor Dennis Flood established the Irvington War Monument Committee. Jim Brennen, Greg Nilsson, and Chris Guiliano were appointed to the committee and Deputy Administrator, Donald Marra, was assigned as staff coordinator. The committee will review all requests and recommendations will be forwarded to the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

To be eligible, a veteran must have been a resident of either the Village of Irvington or the Irvington Union Free School District at the time of induction into the Armed Forces.

Requests for inclusion should be sent to Donald P. Marra, Deputy Administrator, Village of Irvington, 85 Main Street, Irvington, New York 10533. All requests must include a copy of Honorable Discharge Form DD-214. Qualified veterans may contact Mr. H. Gaylord Worrell, Westchester County Veterans Affairs Coordinator, at 995-2148 for information regarding this form.

Volunteers Needed

Many knowledgeable and dedicated volunteers continue to serve the Village of Irvington. Periodically, an opening on a Board or Committee becomes available.

Presently, there are regular membership openings in the following locations: Cable Advisory Board, Ethics Board, Tree Preservation Committee, and Recreation Commission.

Numerous other committees do not have their full complement of alternate members as authorized by village code. Alternate members are needed when a regular member cannot attend a meeting or, because of a conflict of interest, cannot vote on a matter to be considered. Alternate members are needed on the Architectural Review Board, the Environmental Conservation Board, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Deputy Administrator Donald Marra at 591-7070 or via e-mail at dmarra@village.irvington.ny.us.

Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Moratorium

Prompted by recent inquiries regarding the construction of cellular telecommunication towers in the central Village area, your Village Board has adopted a 90 day moratorium on the construction of such towers and related equipment. This will give the Board time to research issues regarding the proliferation of such facilities, and to consider adopting a local law to regulate them in a manner consistent with the best interests of the Village. The moratorium will expire on May 14, 2002 unless it is extended by the Village Board.

The Board is considering adopting a local law that would: require the consideration of alternative technologies, restrict the location of such towers to existing facilities, limit the number of facilities to only those proven absolutely necessary for adequate coverage in the Village, require co-locations before anything else is considered, provide for an every 2 years to see if new technologies may be available to replace the existing facilities, establish limitations as to height, include the option to require stealth technology, and prohibit any alteration of existing Hudson River views.

When a proposed local law has been developed it will be made available for public review and will be the subject of discussion at Village Board meetings and at a formal public hearing. We'll keep you posted.

E-Mail Lists

Two e-mail lists have been established to keep you informed about Village news and events. The **Village Hall News** mailing list provides general Village announcements and news. The **Recreation News** mailing list provides news and announcements from the Recreation and Parks Department.

To subscribe, send a blank email to the following e-mail addresses:

[Village Hall News](mailto:News-subscribe@village.irvington.ny.us)

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[Recreation News](mailto:RecreationNews-subscribe@village.irvington.ny.us)

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Drought Restrictions

- Businesses must have a plan to reduce water usage by 15 percent.
- Restaurants are barred from serving water to patrons except upon request.
- The use of hoses for street, driveway, sidewalk and/or automobile washing is prohibited. Automobile washing with a bucket is permitted.
- Watering of lawns will be prohibited if there has been 0.1 inches or more of precipitation within the previous 24 hours.
- Watering at other times will be restricted to the hours of 5-9 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. only. Persons or businesses located at even numbered addresses may water on even-numbered days only. Odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered days only.
- Water may be used to irrigate gardens using a hand-held container or other "low flow" methods.
- Leaks in house water connections shall be repaired within 48 hours of detection.
- Commercial and public swimming pools may be filled once per season.



LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT IN IRVINGTON

Irvington Trailways

Get on your hiking boots! In response to continued village interest in promoting greater appreciation and protection of our natural resources, Mayor Dennis Flood and the Irvington Board of Trustees have approved the formation of the Irvington Trailways Committee.

Almost everyone walks or cycles on the wonderful Croton Aqueduct. But how many of us routinely use, or even know the location of the many other beautiful trails surrounding the reservoir, Halsey Pond, and V.E. Macy Park? This Committee will be responsible for recommending to the Board of Trustees methods to maximize the potential of the existing and future trail system in the Village of Irvington and adjoining properties. Co-chairs are residents Mary Beth Dooley and Richard Goldman.

Trails are an enjoyable and safe place for people of all ages to experience the outdoors. Help educate our students by creating an outdoor classroom where they can participate in nature walks, identify varieties of trees, plants, birds and wildlife. Create linkages within the village, Main Street, the Croton Aqueduct, the Hudson River, and neighboring communities. Learn about the rich visual and historical heritage of our community. These are some of the options that committee members will explore.

Perhaps most importantly, the Trailways Committee gives all residents the opportunity to be involved in the planning, design and use of the trails. Are you a Parent? Bird Lover? Teacher? Walker? History buff? Gardener? Do you value the scenic beauty of our community? We need your input! It is great a way to get to know your neighbors while helping to enhance the quality of life in our wonderful village.

To become a member of the Irvington Trailways Committee please send an email telling us you're interested!

office@village.irvington.ny.us

Or call Mary Beth Dooley at 591.3739

Master Plan Update

The Irvington Land Use Committee was established by the Board of Trustees and has been working diligently since September 2000. Members of the committee include Caroline Niemczyk, Chairperson; Jan Blaire; John Canning; Nikki Coddington; Pat Gilmartin; Brenda Livingston; Lou Lustenberger; Evan Mason; and Erin Molloy. The primary charge of the Committee is to draft a Comprehensive Land Use Plan that sets forth goals and objectives on various land use issues and recommends courses of action for achieving these goals. The plan forms the basis for zoning, subdivision, and other land use laws provides a vision for Irvington's future as a community.

The Land Use Committee's goal for this plan is to provide an updated policy guide for Irvington's future growth and development. The Plan will examine how existing conditions in Irvington have changed since the preparation of the 1988 Land Use Plan and the 1979 Comprehensive Plan. Recommendations will emphasize balancing future growth while preserving Irvington's character, existing development patterns and open space resources.

The Committee will conduct a public hearing on its recommendations and cordially invites the public to participate. The hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14, at 8:00 p.m.** in the Library meeting room.

The anticipated next steps in the process include further discussion and final touches to the plan during the summer followed by final recommendations to the Board of Trustees in the fall. The Board of Trustees will conduct its own public hearing on the proposed Master Plan and will consider adoption of the plan soon thereafter. Stay tuned!

Nature Trail Walks

May 18th

The Irvington Recreation Department is hosting a trail walk for all village residents. There will be a bird walk at 9 a.m. and a special family walk featuring activities for children at 11 a.m. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know some of our beautiful trails. Walks will depart from Irvington High School.

Open Space Advisory Committee

The Open Space Advisory Committee was established by the Village Board of Trustees in December 2000. Irvington residents voted in favor of a referendum in the November, 2000 election for the issuance of a \$3,000,000 bond to finance the cost of acquisition of property in the Village for the preservation of open spaces and recreation.

The committee was charged by the Mayor and Trustees to examine and provide potential alternatives regarding land use and growth management initiatives that the Village should follow in order to: preserve the existing character of the Village; protect the health, safety, environment and quality of life enjoyed by Irvington residents; mitigate the effects of rapid growth expansion; protect environmentally sensitive areas including in-land water courses; preserve open spaces; and create new green spaces with special sensitivity to scenic vistas and historic landscapes.

The committee has identified and evaluated most of the properties that they feel are worthy of preservation. The Committee's recommendations will be presented to the Mayor and Board of Trustees for their consideration.

We are very fortunate to be able to live in an environment such as Irvington. In order to sustain our way of life in this Village we must continue to foster respect for the environment and wildlife.

Please visit the Village of Irvington web site at village.irvington.ny.us for information on future Open Space Advisory Committee meetings.



- Recycling reminder: Recyclable bottles and cans should not be placed inside plastic bags. The County Transfer Station considers these materials “contaminated” and will not accept them. The good news is that the Public Works Department provides Recycling Containers free of charge to Irvington Residents. If you need a recycling bin please call 591-8787.
- The Public Works Department provides compost from the Village’s compost site free of charge to Irvington residents. We can deliver either a 6 cubic yard load (a large dump truck) or a 2 cubic yard load (a small dump truck). If you wish to be placed on our delivery list, please call 591-8787 and give us your address, phone number, and amount you would like delivered.
- The Sanitation Department will take away personal furniture, refrigerators, stoves, carpeting, etc. from Irvington residents if they are placed curbside on a regular bulk day. During the course of the day’s pick up the regular sanitation truck will take note of where these items are located. Based on this information, a second truck will be sent out to pick up these materials. The Sanitation crews will dispose of carpeting and padding if it is cut into 3’ x 3’ sections. Refrigerators must have their doors off or must have their doors otherwise securely fastened.
- The Department will not accept rocks, bricks, cinder blocks, etc. for disposal.
- The Department of Public Works does pick up brush curbside. Brush must be no longer than 4’ in length. In many instances, a payloader is used to scoop up brush piles for processing. Therefore, brush piles should be placed near the curb and away from fences, underground sprinklers, mailboxes, lights, etc.
- The Department will accept tree limbs if they are placed curbside and if they are smaller than 6 inches in diameter and are shorter than 4 feet in length. If you have a landscaper/arborist cut down your tree, they are responsible for removal.
- Residents who wish to cut down a tree on private property must obtain a permit. If you have questions concerning tree permits, call Village Hall at 591-7070.
- We often get calls from residents who want to dispose of cans of paint. Only empty cans with removed lids will be accepted.
- The Department of Public Works sometimes gets calls from those wishing to dispose of propane tanks from their barbecue grills. The DPW does not accept propane tanks. However, the places that you go to have it refilled should take it from you.

New Local Laws

Your Village Board has adopted the following new local laws.

- Amending the existing alarms law to significantly increase penalty fines for excessive false burglar and/or fire alarms, including increasing the penalty for three false alarms each year to \$25, for the fourth and fifth false alarm each year to \$50, and for all false alarms over five in any year to \$100 each. Since this law was adopted last November the number of time-wasting false alarms has decreased significantly.
- Establishing public parking for Halsey Pond Park at the end of Havemeyer Road and Hamilton Road.
- Authorizing the Police Chief to suspend a taxicab licenses and/or a taxicab driver’s license’s, and/or a company’s authority to conduct a business at all in the Village, upon the preferring of charges of a violation of Village law, including vehicle parking violations.
- A law prohibiting operating a motorized vehicle on any unpaved or undeveloped Village owned property at any time.

Copies of these local Village laws may be obtained from the Village Clerk Treasurer’s Department or at the Village web site.

Community Advisory Board

Shortly after her appointment as Chairperson of the Community Advisory Board, Trustee Isabel Milano formed a small focus group to take a new look at both its purpose and member composition. The focus group drafted a mission statement and recommended an expanded roster to better represent the entire community.

The focus group agreed on the following Mission Statement: “The purpose of the Community Advisory Board (CAB) shall be to coordinate the various community resources and activities to specific segments of the population **with special emphasis on helping children and adolescents grow up healthy, happy, and responsible.** It will provide a means for communication among various groups in the Village including the School District, Recreation Department, Police Department, Religious Organizations, Senior Citizen Organizations, and other groups recognized by the Village of Irvington.”

The roster was expanded to include representatives from the Village Board of Trustees and staff; Irvington Board of Education; Irvington School District administration, staff, and students; Immaculate Conception School administration; PTSA; St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Irvington Presbyterian Church, Immaculate Conception Church, Greenburgh Hebrew Center; Irvington Police Department; Irvington Recreation Department; Irvington Athletic Association; Irvington Education Foundation; Irvington Library; Irvington Senior Citizens; and the Village Court.

This wide range of community representation is important as we work to promote a healthy and positive environment for our young people. It is clear that many of our youth are involved in healthy activities and contribute positively to our community. It is also understood, however, that as a community, we should be aware of the negative behavior and risk factors that do exist, and how as a community we can help young people make good decisions.

To this end, the Community Advisory Board is in the process of identifying a research-based organization that can help our community **identify** and **address** these risk factors. The goal is to have a community based and supported plan in place by September 2002.

Special Programs At The Library

Come to the annual Children's Street Fair on May 4th. Games, prizes, even a small carousel!!! And while children are enjoying themselves, adults can buy some of our used books. Activities start at 10 am and go on all day.

Then, on the next day, May 5th, Joseph Berger, the author of Displaced Persons will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library. The book, which is about Holocaust survivors and their lives in the United States after World War II, has received many excellent reviews. We hope you will come and hear Mr. Berger speak.

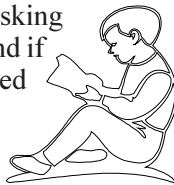
More children's programs include:

- "Boys in the Kitchen" – a Father's Day cook-in.
- The Summer Reading Program begins on June 23. Get credit for each book you read. Win prizes and get an invitation to a special party at the end of the program.
- There will also be many special programs during the summer.

Sign-up for Summer Reading Program and the other summer programs begins on June 14th at 4 pm.

WE WANT YOUR OPINION

The library is located at 12 South Astor Street on the corner of Main and South Astor Street. We are open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 9 pm. In our recent library newsletter we included a questionnaire asking you what you thought about our present hours and if you would like changes. If you haven't answered you can pick up a form at the library.



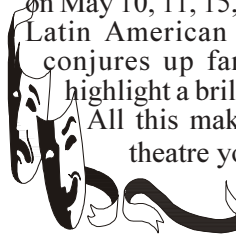
Town Hall Theater

The Irvington Town Hall Theater is alive and well in the aftermath of 9-11. Patrons have returned to our Community Theater to take advantage of what's happening in their own hometown. They enjoy being able to park for free, dine in their favorite restaurant, see old friends and experience our eclectic mix of diversified programming as a vehicle to bring us all together and heal our souls.

We still have some enticing events remaining in our season. For the children a new and original musical, *The Life and Rhymes of Fiona Gander*, presented by Broadway Training Center of Westchester is premiering. This saga has Fiona taking children and adults on an imaginative journey through Nursery Rhyme Land. Neal Berg's music jumps and jives, as it touches our hearts with sincerity. Neal Berg's *The Prince and the Pauper*, which premiered at our Theater several years ago will now open on Broadway shortly. He is also the one who brings us the *All Star Broadway Holiday Concert* each December. Premieres on April 27, 28 and May 4 and 5. Don't miss this one!

Also for children is the musical *Chess*, presented by The PlayGroup Theatre on June 2 and 9. This hit on Broadway and London tells the story of the International Chess tournament and the Russian and American players. Chess is used as a symbol for the political and romantic lives of its players.

For the slightly more mature crowd we have the Tony award-winning musical *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*, presented by P M T Productions on May 10, 11, 15, 17, 18 and 19. It takes place in a Latin American prison. The prisoner Molina conjures up fantasy musical sequences that highlight a brilliant score and colorful dancing. All this make an exciting evening of adult theatre you won't want to miss.



IRVINGTON RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

Scenic Hudson Park News – families and friends are invited to visit Scenic Hudson Park at Irvington and enjoy the beauty of our treasure on the Hudson.

- There will be all types of youth and adult baseball and softball games played throughout the spring and summer. There will be several games each night and a full schedule of games on most Saturdays and Sundays.
- Please note that the smaller playground located near the senior citizen center will remain closed during the construction of the addition that is being added to the center.
- The park will be open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. throughout the spring and summer. Residents are urged to follow the park rules and to help us keep the park clean, fun and safe for everyone.
- If you have any suggestions or have any questions please contact the Recreation and Parks Department.

Other News

- A schedule of special activities and programs will be available by May 1st.
- 2002 park passes for Matthiessen Park, Halsey Pond and Memorial Park will be available for Village residents on May 1st. Until then, last years park pass will still be valid. To receive your new pass you can visit the Recreation Department offices on Main Street. Please bring proof of residency with you. (Park passes are not required for Scenic Hudson Park at Irvington)
- Group request application forms for Matthiessen and Memorial park are available at the Recreation Department. Group park requests are available to any resident with a valid 2002 park pass. Applications are due 4 weeks prior to the requested date.
- If you have not received your copy of the Department's youth summer activities schedule call 591-7736.

The Village of Irvington and The Irvington Veterans Memorial Association

Wish to extend an invitation to ALL
Veterans of the Armed Forces of
The United States of America
To participate in Memorial Day
Ceremonies and to march in the
Memorial Day Parade

May 27, 2002
10:45A.M.
Main Street Memorials

In uniform if possible but not necessary



Congratulations...

On Your Anniversary of Service

Police Department

Daniel Raimondo	30 Years
James Egloff	15 Years
Louis Grieco	15 Years
Andrew Bessinger	10 Years

Department Of Public Works

Peter Caporal	20 Years
Carl Caporal	20 Years
Dennis Montaruli	15 Years
James Marschke	15 Years
Brian Alfini	5 Years
Todd Smith	5 Years

Department of Parks & Recreation

Joseph Archino	15 Years
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Charging in Irvington

At the beginning of the year, the Irvington Town Hall Theater began accepting credit card orders, both in person and over the phone, for all ticket orders. Now, nearly all Village departments can accept credit cards for any payment. VISA, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover Card are accepted.

A convenience fee will be added to your charge when using credit cards depending on the size of the charge. Often, the value of airline miles or cash-back awards will offset or exceed the cost of the convenience fee.

Credit cards can be used for the following types of payments:



Property taxes
Water bills
Theater tickets
Recreation program fees
Parking permits
Building permit fees



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